IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) A   software   program   providing system for providing and managing access to a software program, said system comprising:

a   removable   storage   medium   for   storing   ~~said~~ the software   program   and   for   storing   an   individual identification code ~~for~~ that identifies~~ying~~ said removable storage medium;

a user terminal for installing said removable storage medium therein and for accessing ~~said~~ the software program stored in said removable storage medium;

database management means for storing a database that includes~~ing~~ individual information of a user, information regarding   a   range   of   access   limitations   to   ~~said~~ the software program, and information regarding a condition of access   to   ~~said~~ the software program, ~~wherein said~~ the database ~~is~~ being searchable~~ed~~ using ~~said~~ the individual identification   code   as   a   search   key,   ~~wherein said~~ the information regarding ~~said~~ the range of access limitations including~~es~~ a plurality of supplemental pay functions, ~~and~~ ~~said~~ the information regarding ~~said~~ the condition of access including~~es~~ an associated number of purchased counts and an associated number of used counts for a given one of the plurality of supplemental pay functions, the associated number of purchased counts indicating the number of prepaid accesses to the given one of the plurality of supplemental pay functions and the associated number of used counts indicating the number of prior accesses to the given one of the plurality of supplemental pay functions, said database management means ~~further comprises~~ including:

fee charging means for charging a fee ~~for~~ to add~~ing~~ to the associated number of purchased counts ~~only to access a selected~~ for the given one of ~~said~~

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the plurality of supplemental pay functions, ~~wherein~~ ~~said~~ the software program ~~is~~ being accessed for free unless access to the given one of ~~said~~ the plurality of pay functions is requested; and

information communication means for connecting said database management means with said user terminal;~~,~~ ~~wherein~~

said software program providing system authoriz~~es~~ing said user terminal to access ~~said~~ the software program stored in said removable storage medium based on ~~said~~ the information regarding ~~said~~ the range of access limitations, ~~said~~ the associated number of purchased counts exceeding the associated number of used counts~~information regarding~~ ~~said condition of access to said software program~~, and ~~said~~ the information searched using ~~said~~ the individual identification code as ~~said~~ the search key, said database management means reading ~~said~~ the individual identification code from said removable storage medium installed in said user terminal through said information communication means, and

said user terminal includ~~es~~ing a display having a graphical-unit-interface for enabling a user to select between free access to ~~said~~ the software program and paid access to ~~said~~ the software program including ~~said~~ a selected one of ~~said~~ the plurality of supplemental pay functions.

2.   (cancelled)

3.   (previously presented) The   software   program providing system according to claim 1, wherein said information communication means further comprises ciphering means for ciphering communication between said database and said user terminal.

4.   (currently amended) The   software   program   providing system according to claim 1, wherein said storage means further

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comprises a DVD-ROM, and ~~said~~ the individual identification code includes a BCA code recorded ~~through~~ using a laser beam during a fabrication process of ~~said~~ the individual identification code.

5. - 9.   (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A software program providing system for providing and managing access to a software program, said system comprising:

a removable storage medium for storing ~~said~~ the software program and for storing an individual identification code ~~for~~ that identifies~~ying~~ said removable storage medium;

a user terminal for installing said removable storage medium therein and for accessing ~~said~~ the software program stored in said removable storage medium;

database management means for storing a database that includes~~ing~~ individual information of a user, information regarding a range of access limitations to ~~said~~ the software program including a plurality of supplemental pay functions, and information regarding a condition of access to ~~said~~ the software program, ~~wherein said~~ the database ~~is~~ being searchable~~ed~~ using ~~said~~ the individual identification code as a search key, ~~wherein~~ said database management means ~~further comprises~~ including:

fee charging means for charging a fee to modify the information regarding a condition of access to the software program by obtaining a number of prepaid accesses to only ~~to access~~ a selected one of ~~said~~ the plurality of supplemental pay functions, ~~wherein said~~ the software program ~~is~~ being accessed for free unless access to one of ~~said~~ the plurality of pay functions is requested; and

information communication means for connecting said database management means with said user terminal;~~,~~ ~~wherein~~

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said software program providing system authoriz~~ing~~es said user terminal to access ~~said~~ the software program stored in said removable storage medium based on ~~said~~ the information regarding ~~said~~ the range of access limitations, ~~said~~ the number of prepaid accesses to the selected one of the plurality of supplemental pay functions exceeding the number of prior accesses to the selected one of the plurality of supplemental pay functions~~information regarding said condition of access to said software program~~, and ~~said~~ the information searched using ~~said~~ the individual identification code as ~~said~~ the search key, said database management means reading ~~said~~ the individual identification code from said removable storage medium installed in said user terminal through said information communication means, and

said user terminal includ~~ing~~es a display having a graphical-unit-interface for enabling a user to select between free access to ~~said~~ the software program and paid access to ~~said~~ the software program including ~~said~~ the selected one of ~~said~~ the plurality of supplemental pay functions.

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